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A forge combine called the largest in East Germany, was under construction in Brand-Erbisdorf, Saxony, in early 1953. The installations of the plant covered an area of 50,000 square meters. Source stated that 32 steam hammers of various sizes were available, and that 12 more hammers including two so-called "Giants" of Soviet make, each with a dead weight of 100 tons, were scheduled to arrive soon. Source said further that the new plant would be able to forge pieces up to 5 tons for the mining, ship and vehicle-building industry.

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Comment. The plant is the former Dampfhammerwerk und Gesenkschmiede Georg Weinhold which, according to other information, is scheduled to be enlarged to a forge and warm press for heavy machine construction and will be extended 400 percent as compared with its late 1952 capacity. The plant had two air hammers, four steam hammers, two steam drop hammers, one steam hammer (Gegenschlaghammer), a 400-ton hydraulic forging press and one 350-ton hydraulic forging press.

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